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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BGEN, SF, EINV

SUBJECT: AUTOMATION AND EXPANSION OF SA TELEPHONE SYSTEM

REF: JOHANNESBURG 0031

1. WE RECENTLY LOOKED INTO REPORTED MAJOR TELEPHONE CONTRACTS THAT WERE SUPPOSEDLY TO BE AWARDED TO FRENCH SOON. OUR DISCUSSION WAS ON TECHNICAL LEVEL WITH POST OFFICE HEADQUARTERS IN PRETORIA. POST OFFICE ENGINEER IN CHARGE OF TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS' SERVICES TOLD EMBOFFS THAT ITT SUBSIDIARY STANDARD TELEPHONE AND CABLES IN BOKSBURG AND SIEMENS SUBSIDIARY WERE THE MAIN SUPPLIERS OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT IN SA. HE SAID LOCAL CONTENT OF NEW EQUIPMENT APPROACHING 100 PERCENT AND MOST COMES FROM THOSE TWO SUPPLIERS. HE CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH COMPETITION.

2. REFTTEL (WHICH BEING REPEATED TO DEPARTMENT FOR INFO) SUGGESTS THAT FRENCH ABOUT TO BUILD FACTORY IN SA. IF SO, WE FIND STORY THAT FRENCH LIKELY TO GET LARGE SHARE OF NEW ORDERS ENTIRELY BELIEVABLE. IF FRENCH ARE TYING THIS IN WITH ARMS DEALS, CHANCES FOR AMERICANS, BRITISH, GERMANS AND OTHER RESPECTERS OF
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